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SUBJ: ARMS FOR CHINA

A. MY 180655Z DEC 73.

B. SECDEF 212201Z DEC 73.

1. THE SUBJECT OF ARMS FOR CHINA SURFACED AGAIN IN  
THE MORNING PRESS TODAY AND THE ARTICLE IS QUOTED FOR  
INFORMATION:

US MILITARY TEAM TO VISIT CHINA

BY M.V. KAMATH "TIMES OF INDIA"

QUOTE WASHINGTON: A NON-OFFICIAL TEAM OF MILITARY  
EXPERTS FROM THE U.S. IS SCHEDULED TO VISIT CHINA  
SOON, AT THE REQUEST OF THAT COUNTRY.

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AND DEVELOPMENT IS NOW SELECTING THE PERSONNEL OF

THE PROPOSED DELEGATION. THE CHOICE OF THE PRIVATE ORGANISATION FOR ASSEMBLING THE DELEGATION SUGGESTS THAT BOTH PEKING AND WASHINGTON WANT TO KEEP THE VISIT ON A LOW KEY.

THERE HAVE BEEN RUMOURS THAT AT HIS LAST MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE, DR. KISSINGER, THE PRIME MINISTER, MR. CHOU EN-LAI, HAD RAISED THE QUESTION OF U.S. MILITARY SUPPLIES TO CHINA, WHETHER THESE RUMOURS ARE OFFICIALLY INSPIRED TO TEST PUBLIC AND CONGRESSIONAL OPINION LARGELY REMAINS GUESSWORK.

CHINA WOULD CERTAINLY BENEFIT FROM THESE REPORTS INASMUCH AS THEY WOULD CREATE DOUBTS IN SOVIET MINDS ABOUT AMERICAN INTENTIONS.

IT MIGHT EVEN SERVE THE U.S. PURPOSE TO KEEP MOSCOW GUESSING--A TOOL THAT WOULD COME HANDY AS THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION MOVES INTO THE NEXT ROUND OF NEGOTIATIONS ON ARMS LIMITATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION.

A NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATION WOULD MEET CURRENT NEEDS SINCE IT COULD MEET WITH TOP CHINESE MILITARY LEADERS BUT NOT HAVE THE IMPRIMATURE OF OFFICIAL WASHINGTON OR BE COMMITTED TO PEKING IN ANY WAY. WITH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS BETWEEN CHINA AND THE UNITED STATES BEING WHAT THEY ARE, A NON-OFFICIAL DELEGATION WOULD ALSO MEET THE REQUIREMENTS OF PROTOCOL. UNQUOTE

2. EMBASSY AND DATT WOULD APPRECIATE GUIDANCE ON STORY IN PARA 1 ABOVE. ASSUME GUIDANCE ON ARMS TO CHINA CONTAINED IN REF B STILL APPLIES.

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